GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:10
ANSWERED ON:20.02.2001
SECURITY EXERCISES BY DELHI POLICE
PRABHUNATH SINGH

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Police`s dummy security exercise proves a failure` appearing in `The Hindustan Times` dated January 14, 2001;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) the reasons for not completing all the dummy exercises;

(d) the number of militants arrested in Delhi during the year 2000 and 2001 and the number of militants still roaming freely in Delhi as per the IB report; and

(e) the steps taken by the Delhi Police for nabbing these militants?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)to(e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No.10 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 20.02.2001.

(a)to(c): Yes, Sir. As a part of the exercise to check the efficiency of police arrangements made in connection with Republic Day Celebrations, Delhi Police had planted 25 dummy IEDs in the area around Rajpath. The police personnel on duty were able to detect all but 2 such planted devices. The results of the exercise were thereafter discussed in the briefing of the officers held after the rehearsals on the 23rd January, 2001.

(d): During the year 2000, Delhi Police arrested 43 terrorists including their associates and killed one terrorist. During the current year till 15th February, 2001, four other terrorists were arrested. There is no precise information about the number of terrorists at large in Delhi.

(e): The steps taken to curb militant activities in Delhi include intensification of beat patrolling; posting of armed pickets at strategic points; strengthening of intelligence network; close watch on and frequent raids at the suspected hide-outs of criminals and terrorists; checking of persons and baggages particularly in crowded market places, place of entertainment; checking of guest houses and religious places; formation of anti-terrorist cell in each police district.